

**FALMOUTH HARBOR/WATERFRONT COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 30, 2014 8:00 AM
FALMOUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Roll Call:

Present: Richard Craven, Peter Thornton, William Oliver, Richard Garrett, Edward Tolan, Paul Dobbins, Emmanuel Kourinos, Kimmerly Maxfield-Fearon

Absent: None

Members of the public: 2

I Chairperson Comments

Chairman Garrett was happy to report it was a good and safe summer at the harbor. Another great year for the two fundraisers, the MS Regatta and the Sturdivant Island Tuna Derby

Jay Hallett resigned from the committee. He wants to thank for all his good work.

He and Chief Tolan have met with the council about the issue of a Handy Boat representative and he recommended a rewording of the ordinance to allow a non-resident (Falmouth) to be on the committee. The appointments committee decided to leave the ordinance as is.

William Oliver asked if the representative of Handy Boat actually needed to be an employee. Chief Tolan said they don't have to be an employee but they do have to be a resident and Handy Boat management feels they would be a good person to represent them.

II Approve Minutes of April 2, 2014 meeting

Richard Garrett made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2014 Harbor/Waterfront Committee meeting. Paul Dobbins seconded. It was voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

III Public Comment

The person wishing to speak during public comment was allowed public wait until the discussion of a no-wake zone on the Presumpscot River.

IV Harbormaster Report

Moorings

Total 1093 (1108 – 2013) (1103-2012)

Wait List

Resident	33 (26-2013) (35-2102)
Non-Resident	11 (12-2013) (8-2012)

Floats

The dinghy and end floats were removed on October 28 and the commercial floats will be removed in November or December, weather permitting.

We have applied for a SHIP grant to begin replacing floats over the next couple of years. To date we have not heard if we have been awarded the grant.

Police Boat

We applied for and were denied a Homeland Security Grant to replace the police boat. We were denied due to a paperwork error. We will re-submit the application next year. Chief Tolan noted that funds are more likely to go to larger towns and we fall right in the shadows of Portland and South Portland.

Chief Tolan also noted that there are currently funds in the budget to begin replacing floats, and also funds being set aside to replace the boat in 2018. He would like to try to replace it in 2017 as the boat and engines are both getting old and are starting to require more maintenance.

There was discussion on budget as well as grant issues.

V Agenda Item

a. **Making the Presumpscot River a no wake zone upriver from the bridges.**

Brad Burns spoke up about seeing a water skier going too fast. He lives on Merrill Road and has a dock boat on the Presumpscot River. Boat traffic has increased over the years and he feels they are going too fast through area. Most years his boat gets hit by other boats. He commented on water skiers weaving in and out between the moorings going way too fast. During low tide, the ledge on one side of the river is dangerously close to the surface.

There were no questions from the committee in regards to Mr. Burns' comments.

Harbormaster Twombly pointed out that it is supposed to headway only within 200 feet of the shore.

It was talked about attempting to make a no wake zone starting at the Route 95 bridge.

It was decided that the committee would look into this problem. This is the only complaint that has been received.

It is possible it may just be a matter of educating boater to state law. Mr. Burns will speak with kayaker friends and have them contact Mr. Garrett.

VI Elections

It was suggested that something be added to the website regarding access to committee members. There will be an e-mail address added so that e-mails may be forwarded to the members.

Chairperson: Manny Kourinos nominated Richard Garrett as chairperson, William Oliver seconded it. Richard Garrett was unanimously voted in as chairperson.

VII Set Date for Next Meeting

It was suggested that the next meeting be in May. There was some discussion as to whether there should be an earlier meeting due to the Presumpscot River issue. More discussion about the issue and they talked about looking into putting a sign on one of the bridges requesting no wake. A vote was taken and the all agreed to look into the issue. The next meeting was scheduled for May 21, 2015 at 8:00 AM at the Falmouth Police Department.

VIII Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 AM

Respectfully submitted by Kimmerly E. Maxfield-Fearon on November 7, 2014.